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A MEMORIAL

**ENCOURAGING NEW MEXICO TEACHERS TO EXPAND LEARNING
OPPORTUNITIES FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR STUDENTS IN THE AREAS
OF ENERGY AND ENERGY CONSERVATION.**

**WHEREAS, New Mexico has abundant natural resources,
including oil, gas, coal, sunlight and wind that make it the
perfect energy laboratory; and**

**WHEREAS, New Mexico is in the forefront of revolutionary
thinking on energy, including innovative state programs that
encourage development of renewable energy and innovative
energy research at two national laboratories; and**

**WHEREAS, issues regarding the state's environment,
natural resources, energy and energy technology must
increasingly become part of the basic curriculum in New
Mexico's schools so that children have the educational**

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1 foundation they need for future employment; and

2 WHEREAS, New Mexico students need to improve their
3 mathematics and science performance, and studying energy and
4 energy conservation issues may help them improve their
5 performance; and

6 WHEREAS, teachers across New Mexico need and can use
7 additional resources to implement new programs for students
8 while also meeting their professional requirements; and

9 WHEREAS, equipping and educating teachers, who are
10 responsible for inspiring young minds, is an essential part of
11 academic success; and

12 WHEREAS, various grants, guest instructors and other
13 programs give students and teachers a chance for additional
14 exposure to subject matter that can help them make sense of
15 the world around them; and

16 WHEREAS, strong public-private partnerships among
17 companies, nonprofit organizations and educational
18 institutions can help enrich the education programs of New
19 Mexico's schools; and

20 WHEREAS, teachers who inspire learning in their students
21 and capture the spirit of innovation by creating exciting and
22 memorable experiences around the subject of energy and energy
23 conservation enrich the lives of their students;

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
25 OF NEW MEXICO that New Mexico teachers be encouraged to take

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1 advantage of the myriad opportunities to expand the horizons
2 of their students in the areas of energy and energy
3 conservation; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
5 transmitted to the public education department.

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